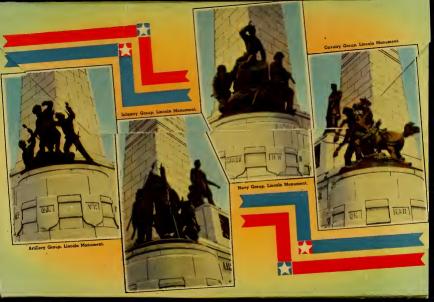
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When the news of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln on April 14, 1865, reached Springfield the following day, the people gathered at the State Capitol and started plans for the construction of a memorial and tomb. The Lincoln National Memorial Association met a month later and selected Oak Ridge cemetery as the site and launched a drive to raise \$240,000. On September 1, 1869, 37 models from 31 American artists had been received by the Association, and ten days later a design sent from Italy by Larkin G. Mead, Jr., of Brattleboro, Vermont, was selected. Mead's design included groups of infantry, cavalry, artillery and navy, as well as a statue of Lincoln and the coat of arms of the United States.

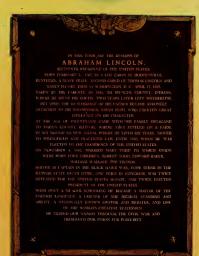
The foundation was laid in 1869, and Mead's statue of Lincoln was unveiled in conjunction with the dedication ceremony on October 15. 1874. Two years later, ten men tried to steal the body of Lincoln from its sarcophagus to hold it for ransom, but were apprehended by Secret Service agents and sentenced to prison. Eight years after its final completion, in 1895, the State took control of the tomb and the work of the National Monument Association was ended.

During a complete reconstruction of the tomb in 1899-1901, the casket containing the body of Lincoln was moved to a new burial place ten feet below the surface of the earth and six feet from the north wall. In the south wall of the chamber Mrs. Lincoln and three of the four children, Edward Baker, William Wallace and Thomas familiarly known as "Tad" are buried. The eldest son, Robert Lincoln, who died in 1926, is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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